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From: Robinson, Jeffrey [Robinson.Jeffrey@epa.gov]
Sent: 12/15/2022 2:37:04 PM
To: Gonzalez, Iris [Gonzalez.Iris@epa.gov]
CC: Garcia, David [Garcia.David@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Air Monitoring in St. James Parish

Here's the information I sent Arati a couple of weeks ago.

From: Tripathi, Arati <Tripathi.Arati@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 15, 2022 8:33 AM
To: Robinson, Jeffrey <Robinson.Jeffrey@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Air Monitoring in St. James Parish

Hey Jeff, you had sent me a summary of the workplan before – I resent your summary below in case it is helpful for the current exercise. Thanks.

From: Robinson, Jeffrey <Robinson.Jeffrey@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2022 11:55 AM
To: Tripathi, Arati <Tripathi.Arati@epa.gov>
Cc: Dwyer, Stacey <Dwyer.Stacey@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Air Monitoring in St. James Parish

I've received a copy of the workplan for the LDEQ project in St. James Parish which indicates it may predominantly focus on the west side of the Mississippi River (communities of Welcome, Freetown, St. James, Moonshine, and Vacherie). The project workplan indicates very specifically that the project will establish and operate one Temporary Located Community (TLC) air monitoring site from roughly Oct. 2023 – Sept. 2025. The project community partners listed by LDEQ are LEAN and Rise St. James. The workplan indicates that LDEQ will work with their community partners to assist in determining the monitoring site. They anticipate various sites being evaluated, ranked, and discussed until a consensus is reached on the location and LDEQ will negotiate the site access agreement. LDEQ will handle all the monitoring work and it will include quarterly performance indicator reporting regarding data and other events such as community related meetings that occur as part of the project. So in short, the project workplan that selected for funding will be a "non-regulatory" based monitoring project for selected NAAQS pollutants (SO₂, NO₂, PM₁₀, PM_{2.5}) and for some HAP emissions specifically in St. James Parish (with focus on the west side of the Miss. River). They indicate they will also analyze for continuous methane, non-methane hydrocarbons, and total hydrocarbons.

From: Robinson, Jeffrey
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2022 7:36 AM
To: Tripathi, Arati <Tripathi.Arati@epa.gov>
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Subject: RE: Air Monitoring in St. James Parish

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From: Tripathi, Arati <Tripathi.Arati@epa.gov>
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To: Robinson, Jeffrey <Robinson.Jeffrey@epa.gov>
Cc: Dwyer, Stacey <Dwyer.Stacey@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Air Monitoring in St. James Parish

Hi Jeff,

I hope you are doing well. I'm passing along a letter that Dr. Kim Terrell sent about air quality in the St. James Parish. The letter describes the results of monitoring she and Dr. Peter DeCarlo did for ambient PM₁₀ concentrations in Romeville and related concerns about LDEQ's air permitting process for major source facilities.

Dr. Nance/Iris wanted to pass along this information to you and see whether/how this information can be used by LDEQ as they look to implement the recent grant \$ they received under the IRA/ARP to do air monitoring in the St James Parish. Do you know where we could find information on what the requirements were to be awarded the grants and/or whether it is possible to get a copy of LDEQ's application for the \$?

I'll be out of the office all of next week, FYI, but I believe Stacey will be in the office if you find anything to pass along.

I wish you and your family a very happy Thanksgiving!
Arati

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We will need to probably discuss this, if possible on tomorrow while in the office.

Stacey

From: Nance, Earthea <Nance.Earthea@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2022 6:29 PM
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Subject: Re: Air Monitoring in St. James Parish

Dear Dr. Terrell,

Thank you for your detailed letter. I am interested in your findings and I will be discussing them with my Region 6 air experts. I welcome all communities and environmental advocates to engage with me and my office about these and other issues. My staff will get back to you about next steps.

Sincerely,

Earthea Nance, PhD, PE
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 14, 2022, at 6:52 PM, Terrell, Kimberly A <kterrell1@tulane.edu> wrote:

Dear Dr. Nance,

Attached please find a letter from Dr. DeCarlo and me, which details our concerns about air quality in St. James Parish. These concerns are especially timely, given EPA's recent announcement of funding to LDEQ for air monitoring in the Parish. We hope that your office will help ensure that LDEQ measures pollutants of concerns in predicted hotspots using methods that enable comparisons to legal standards.

We understand that the community and their advocates will be reaching out to you separately, and we wholly support their efforts to engage your office on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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